

I hold an Advanced Class license, and have been a ham since 1962.
I am also a member of ARRL, but I disagree with this proposal.
Firstly, I think any reapportionment should be withheld until WARC2003 has concluded. Then, we will know what we have to work with.
Secondly, I think the General license should be the de facto entry level license, thus negating the need for the Novice bands.
Thirdly, I think AM and other wide-band modes should be restricted to the 10 meter and higher frequency bands, which offer more space for these less efficient communication modes. With the crowding caused by the incursion of commercial broadcast into the lower frequency HF Amateur bands, it makes no sense to increase the problem on these bands by encouraging the use of wide-band communication modes such as AM and digital.
Thirdly, I see no useful purpose served by reducing the CW allocation available on HF. A large number of hams enjoy CW and they should be encouraged to pursue this part of the hobby by leaving the CW portion as is, with the re-allocation of the Novice section to General/Advanced.
I urge the rejection of RM-10413.